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SUBJ: ANNUAL TURKISH MILITARY EXERCISES

1. WE WISH DRAW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT TURKISH ARMED FORCES DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS WILL BE CONDUCTING NUMEROUS EXERCISES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, WHICH IN PRESENT STATE OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP COULD CAUSE UNDUE ALARM IF NOT PLACED IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

2. THESE ARE YEARLY EXERCISES DESIGNED TO EVALUATE SKILLS OF OFFICERS OF ALL SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR PROMOTION, RETIREMENT AND ASSIGNMENT ACTIONS IN AUGUST. THEY CONSEQUENTLY ASSUME CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR EACH SERVICE AND INVOLVE TOP MILITARY LEADERSHIP. THEY MAY CONSIST NOT ONLY OF WAR GAMING BUT OF ACTUAL MOVEMENTS IN THE FIELD. AS INDICATED ETA-242, SCENARIOS FOR EXERCISES IN WESTERN HALF OF COUNTRY ARE LIKELY TO FOCUS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ON GREECE.

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3. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF THESE EXERCISES BEING

USED AS COVER FOR ACTUAL OPERATION AGAINST GREEK FORCES, AND WE WILL BE ALERT TO INDICATORS OF SUCH AN INTENT. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THOSE NOT FAMILIAR WITH TURKISH MILITARY PRACTICES MAY MISTAKENLY VIEW THESE EXERCISES AS INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE TURKISH INTENTIONS AND TAKE COUNTER MEASURES PRECIPITATING A CRISIS. THUS, WHILE WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT ABOUT THESE PROSPECTIVE TURKISH ACTIVITIES, WE WANT ADDRESSEE POSTS TO BE AWARE OF THE FOREGOING BACKGROUND.

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